



COORDINATION PLAN

Geneva Rd.; Provo Center St./I-15 to Orem 1600 North, EIS
Project No. HPP-TI-0114(12)OE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAFETEA-LU SECTION 6002

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Coordination Plan

The purpose of this coordination plan is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how the coordination will be accomplished. The project schedule outlined in this coordination plan must be provided to all participating agencies, the Utah Department of Transportation, and the project sponsor, and must be made available to the public.

1.2 Project Overview

The transportation needs for Geneva Road in this portion of Utah County have been analyzed for the past several years, including the initiation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the National Environmental Policy Act process, an EA is prepared for a project to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be prepared. During the EA process UDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that there was justification for the preparation of an EIS due to potential impacts to historic properties.

The Geneva Road (SR-114) Environmental Impact Statement consists of two roadways, Geneva Road and a portion of Provo Center Street, which are both part of State Route 114. The project begins at the intersection of Provo Center Street and I-15 ramps and continues along Center Street to Geneva Road then continues along Geneva Road to State Street (SR-89) in Pleasant Grove, a total distance of 9 ³/₄ miles (see Project Location Map in the Appendix). The project study area includes Geneva Road and property between I-15 and Utah Lake (see Project Location Map in the Appendix). The project study area is within the municipalities of Provo, Orem, Vineyard, Lindon, and Pleasant Grove in Utah County.

The proposed project will address current and projected transportation needs for Geneva Road by developing various alternatives, which may include new roadway alignments between I-15 and Utah Lake.

2. Lead, Cooperating, Participating, and Other Agencies and the Public

2.1 List of Agencies Roles and Responsibilities

2.1.1 Lead Agencies - UDOT and FHWA. The project team will be responsible for managing the SAFETEA-LU 6002 process, preparing the EIS, and providing opportunity for public and participating/cooperating agency involvement.

2.1.2 Cooperating Agencies – federal and non-federal agencies with jurisdiction by law or that have special expertise regarding the evaluation of the project. Cooperating agencies are, by definition, also participating agencies.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and EPA all have jurisdiction by law or special expertise and will be requested to serve as cooperating and participating agencies (see section below regarding requirements of participating agencies).

2.1.3 Participating Agencies – federal and non-federal agencies that may have an interest in the project. These agencies must be invited to become participating agencies in the environmental review process. The roles and responsibilities of participating agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the Preferred Alternative.
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participating in the scoping process.

2.1.4 Other Public Agencies – all other agencies which have been invited to serve as participating agencies, but did not accept the invitation. These agencies were asked to also provide any comments or input that they may have to the project.

2.1.5 General Public – Any person or private organization that has an interest in the project. The general public will have the opportunity to receive information about the project and provide input to the lead agencies.

2.2 List of Agency Contact Information

All lead, cooperating, and participating agencies involved in the SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 process are listed below.

Agency	Role	Contact (name/phone/email)
FHWA	Joint Lead Agency	Anthony Sarhan 801-963-0078 Ext 238 Anthony.sarhan@dot.gov
UDOT	Joint Lead Agency	Phil Huff 801-227-8043 phuff@utah.gov
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Orem	Project Team Participating Agency	Paul Goodrich 229-7320 prgoodrich@orem.org
Provo	Project Team Participating Agency	Nick Jones 852-6741 njones@provo.utah.gov
Utah County	Project Team Participating Agency	Clyde Naylor 851-8600 clyde.ucpw@utah.gov
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US Fish & Wildlife Service	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	Betsy Herrmann 801-975-3330 ext 139 betsy_herrmann@fws.gov
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FEMA	Participating Agency	Judy Watanabe 801-538-3750 judywatanabe@utah.gov

*US Fish & Wildlife Service requested to serve only as a participating agency on June 24, 2008.

3. Coordination Points and Responsibilities

3.1 Environmental Process and Activities

3.1.1 Project Initiation Letter – Lead Agencies – Completed January 2007

UDOT sent a letter to FHWA on January 24, 2007, to begin project coordination.

3.1.2 Coordination Plan – Lead, Participating, Cooperating, other Public Agencies, Public – Completed April 2007

This coordination plan has been created to disclose the agency and public involvement plan. The coordination plan may be updated as the project progresses.

3.1.3 Notice of Intent – Lead Agencies – Completed February 15, 2007

The lead agencies prepared a Notice of Intent (NOI) to begin the EIS process. Upon approval of the NOI text, FHWA submitted the NOI to the *Federal Register*. The publication of the NOI initiates the required scoping process for all EISs.

3.1.4 Agency Scoping/Gather Agency Input on Purpose and Need – Agency Meeting #1 – Participating, Cooperating, and other Public Agencies – Completed March 2007

The lead agencies sent letters to federal, state, and local agencies to inform them about the project, solicit comments, inform them about the scoping meeting, and invite them to be cooperating and/or participating agencies. An agency scoping meeting was held to further inform the agencies about the project and provide an open forum for questions, comments, and concerns and to discuss the purpose and need for the project.

3.1.5 Gather Public Input on Purpose and Need – Public Meeting #1 – Public – Completed March 2007

The lead agencies sought input from the public and participating agencies in defining the purpose and need for the project. At Public Meeting #1, the public was asked to identify the needs they see on Geneva Road. This public meeting was and all others will be widely advertised through direct mailings, roadway signs, news releases, and fliers distributed throughout the project area and a key business locations.

3.1.6 Development of Purpose and Need – Lead Agencies

The lead agencies have compiled data from Public Meeting #1 as well as traffic data, accident data, existing conditions, etc to develop the purpose and need for the project. The purpose and need elements have been made available on the project website. The lead agencies have reviewed the Draft Purpose and Need Chapter for the DEIS and have forwarded it for agency review.

3.1.7 Review of Purpose and Need – Participating and Cooperating Agencies, Public

The lead agencies have provided participating and cooperating agencies the opportunity to review the Draft Purpose and Need. Elements of the purpose and need will be distributed to those on the mailing list in a newsletter or flyer. Additionally, participating agencies have been given an opportunity to review the Draft Purpose and Need Chapter of the EIS (October 3, 2007 – November 2, 2007). Comments have been received and will be implemented.

3.1.8 Gather Public and Agency Input on Development of Alternatives – Agency and Public Meeting #2 – Participating and Cooperating Agencies, Public

The lead agencies sought input from the public and participating and cooperating agencies in developing the range of alternatives to be considered. A series of two meetings were held, one for agencies (August 1, 2007) and the other for the public and elected officials (November 28, 2007).

3.1.9 Development of Range of Alternatives – Lead Agencies, Participating and Cooperating Agencies

The lead agencies compiled alternatives suggested at Public Meeting #2 and all other alternatives and analyzed each as part of the Geneva Road EIS. The lead agencies determined in coordination with the participating and cooperating agencies the methodologies for impact assessment. This coordination took place at TAC Meetings (December 5, 2007, February 6, 2008 and March 5, 2008).

3.1.10 Analyze Alternatives – Lead Agencies

The lead agencies analyzed alternatives according to their ability to meet the purpose and need of the project with the least impact to the environment.

3.1.11 Determine Socioeconomic and Environmental Impacts – Lead, Participating, Cooperating, and other Public Agencies

Areas of concern were determined through contact with participating, cooperating, other agencies and the public. This data was used to analyze impacts from alternatives carried through the EIS.

3.1.12 Review of Alternatives Development, Alternatives Analysis, and Alternatives Selected for Detailed Study

The lead agencies sought input on those alternatives selected for detailed study and environmental impacts resulting from those alternatives. In addition, participating agencies were given an

opportunity to review the Draft Alternatives Chapter of the EIS. Meetings were held June 14, 2008 and July 2, 2008 to discuss any comments from participating and cooperating agencies on the Draft Alternatives Chapter. The lead agencies determined that because the UDOT's Preferred Alternative remained on corridor that an additional public meeting not necessary.

3.1.13 Draft EIS – Lead Agencies

The lead agencies prepared a Draft EIS, which documents the purpose and need, alternative selection, affected environment, and environmental consequences of the project. Consideration was given to the comments made by participating and other public agencies and the general public. The lead agencies will review and approve the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available to the public at UDOT, City, County, and FHWA offices, local libraries, and on the project website. Its circulation for comment will include participating agencies, public officials, private interest groups, and citizens known to have an interest in the project.

3.1.14 Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Comment Period – Lead, Participating, Cooperating, and other Public Agencies, Public

A notice of availability of the Draft EIS will be published in the *Federal Register* and local and statewide newspapers. The notice will identify where people may obtain a copy of the Draft EIS and how they may provide input. Agencies and the public will have 60 days to review and submit comments on the DEIS.

3.1.15 Public Hearing - Lead, Participating, Cooperating, and other Public Agencies, Public

Once FHWA approves the Draft EIS for public and agency review, the lead agencies will hold a Public Hearing to receive input from the public regarding the Draft EIS and the project. Input from the Public Hearing and public comment period for the Draft EIS will be used to determine the Preferred Alternative. The Public Hearing will be advertised through fliers mailed to the public, emailed, and placed on the project website. Anyone may comment at the Public Hearing via comment form or verbally by talking to a court recorder. Written comments via mail, email, or website comment form will also be part of the Public Hearing record.

3.1.16 Final EIS – Lead Agencies

The lead agencies will review the comments received on the draft EIS and make appropriate changes to prepare the Final EIS. The revised document will be submitted to FHWA for review and approval. The Final EIS will be distributed to the appropriate agencies, private organizations, and to the general public who either made substantive comments on the Draft EIS or have requested a copy.

3.1.17 Final EIS Review Period – Lead, Participating, Cooperating, and other Public Agencies, Public

Agencies and the public will have 30 days to review and submit comments on the FEIS.

3.1.18 Record of Decision – Lead Agencies, Participating and Cooperating Agencies

Following a 30 day review period for the Final EIS, FHWA will prepare a Record of Decision to explain the basis for the project decision and to summarize any mitigation measures that will be incorporated in the project.

3.1.19 Permit approvals

There is a possibility that some permits will need to be obtained after the Record of Decision is issued. These permits could include permits for wetlands, stream alteration, air quality, etc. The permitting process may afford an opportunity for additional public input.

3.2 On-going Public Involvement

3.2.1 Newsletters/Fact Sheets

Newsletters/fact sheets will be mailed and emailed by the lead agencies to those on the mailing list quarterly, or as needed. The newsletters/fact sheets will also be available on the project website and at other public meetings or gatherings.

3.2.2 Media Releases

Press releases will be prepared by UDOT prior to each public meeting or as warranted. News articles will be prepared quarterly, or as needed, for existing publications such as the local papers, special interest publications, agency publications, chambers of commerce newsletters, outlying communities, etc. All media releases will be approved by the lead agencies.

3.2.3 Project Website

A website (www.udot.utah.gov/geneva) will be developed by the lead agencies for the project which will contain project information, coordination plan, comment form, and contact information. Information presented during public meetings and the public hearing will be available on the website. The project website will be updated monthly or as needed.

3.2.4 Project Hotline

A telephone hotline has been set up (801-763-5256) for interested persons to call and leave a message. A member of the project team will call back within a week.

3.2.5 Neighborhood meetings

Neighborhood meetings may include neighborhood or business community meetings and will be held as needed or requested to gather input and educate the community of the potential project impacts in their area.

3.2.6 One-on-one Meetings

One-on-one meetings will be held with residents or businesses as needed throughout the project to discuss impacts to a specific property and collect input from individuals.

3.2.7 Local government meetings/presentations

Meetings will be held with city staff and local governmental officials to discuss project milestones and development. These meetings will be held as needed.

4. Project Schedule

4.1 Schedule of Coordination Point Information

The coordination point schedule is included in the appendix.

5. Revision History

5.1 Identify Changes to the Coordination Plan

If the schedule requires modification, concurrence on the change is required only from the affected cooperating agencies only if the schedule is being shortened.

Mod #	Date	Name	Description
1	12/5/07	Carla Wilson	Updated completed activities
2	9/16/08	Ryan Pitts	Updated completed activities

APPENDIX

Project Location Map

